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Applicant submits, however, that the species and their corresponding claims are as follows:

Species 1: claims 1, 2, 45

Species 2: claims 1, 2, 10, 18, 26, 35, 43, 44

Species 3: claims 1, 2, 45, 46

Species 4: claims 1, 2, 6, 10,14, 22, 30, 39, 50

Species 5: claims 1, 2, 7, 15, 28, 31, 40, 51

Species 6: claims 1, 2, 3, 10, 11, 19, 27, 36, 47

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Species 8: claims 1, 2, 5, 13, 21, 29, 38, 49

Species 9: claims 1, 2, 8, 10, 16, 24, 32, 41, 52

Species 10: claims 1, 2, 9, 17, 25, 33, 42, 53

Species 11: claims 1, 2, 34, 54

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully elects Species 3, including claims 1, 2, 45, and 46, **with traverse**.

Applicant respectfully traverses this restriction requirement. Applicant submits that claims 1 and 2 are generic as they each contain elements common to all species. If either of claims 1 and 2 are held allowable, Applicant respectfully requests consideration of allowance of all claims (see M.P.E.P. 809.02(c)(B)). In addition, Applicant submits that claim 10 is also sub-generic embracing some, but not all species. Accordingly, upon allowance of any of those generic claims, Applicant respectfully requests examination of nonelected species covered by those generic claims, as well (M.P.E.P. 809.02(c)).

Applicant reserves the right to file a divisional application for the non-elected claims at a later stage, depending on the results of examination of the elected claims. An early indication of the allowability of each of claims 1-54 in connection with the present application is earnestly solicited.

Drawing Objection

Figures 23-25 have been objected to as requiring a label "Prior Art." Accordingly, a Drawing Correction Approval Request having a proposed drawing correction is provided herewith.

Conclusion

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Robert W. Downs (Reg. No. 48,222) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17 and 1.136(a), Applicant(s) respectfully petition(s) for a one (1) month extension of time for filing a reply in connection with the present application, and the required fee of \$110.00 is attached hereto.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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